

# CVIC silences Weapons 29-6

## CVIC re-vamps defensive line, moves up in intramural flag football standings

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CVIC defeated Weapons 29-6 in Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina intramural football action at the Depot football field Oct. 9.

The win helped propel CVIC toward the top of the league standings with a 5-3 record.

After a slow 0-2 start, the team has become one of the biggest contenders in the league, especially after defeating the unbeaten Clothing squad Oct. 7.

“We had a big punt return that was ran back for a touchdown,” said Clark Schindler, CVIC assistant coach, of the reason his team managed to pull out the win.

Clothing, who is tied for first with the Hospital at 5-1, was definitely thrown for a loop that night, and could not believe its misfortune.

“I never expected them to beat us,” said Casper Stephens, Clothing’s coach and running back. “We had that game. We just threw it away. It will definitely be different next time.”

CVIC’s win over Weapons came a little more naturally. The team sits at the bottom of the standings, and has yet to win a game all season.

“It gets old losing every game,” said Anthony “Tattoo” Gobert, a Weapons receiver. “We need to re-work our offen-

sive game and switch some players’ positions around.”

As Weapons struggled to put points on the board, CVIC players seemed to make something happen with almost every single carry.

“We were hitting on all cylinders that night,” said Schindler. “Our quarterback distributes the ball pretty evenly. He manages to hit whoever is open.”

The team’s newfound success could largely be attributed to a re-vamped roster as three additional players were picked up in the second week of the season. The new additions worked nicely with what the team already had going.

“We’ve definitely improved since then,” said Schindler. “They filled some big holes we had in our defense. Playing as a team and not as individuals has made us so successful these past few games.”

Now that the team has ironed out its wrinkles, the players are feeling more optimistic about their chances of contending for the league championship. At the beginning of the season, things did not look so good, according to head coach Ray Glover.

“I don’t feel at ease like I did last year,” he said. “There’s a lot of work that needs to be done, especially defensively. My hopes for the season are to just finish with a trophy and place.”

Since the work seems to have



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(Above) Wayne Rittner, running back for CVIC, makes his way up the sideline as Weapons defenders attempt to snatch his flag in a game at the Depot football field Oct. 9. CVIC won the game 29-6, increasing their record to 5-3.

(Below) David Torza, quarterback for Weapons, barely evades the grasp of CVIC defender Damien Robinson in a game at the Depot football field Oct. 9. Weapons lost the game 29-6 and have yet to win a game this year.

been completed and the team is winning, everyone feels differently, and the team has set its sights slightly higher.

“Our goals have changed,” said Schindler. “As long as we keep improving like we have been, we will be a big presence in the post season.”

As for Weapons, they can only hope to keep fighting for a win. Jordan Kramp, Weapons’ coach, promised his team would be “late bloomers” at the beginning of the season. Just how late is the question.

There are less than four weeks to go in the season, but schedule changes have allowed for three nights of league play each week, instead of the regular two. Games are now being played Tuesday - Thursday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Depot football field.



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Ralph Lopez, defensive player for Air Station, controls the ball as Winston Clarke, forward for Law Center, stays close behind during the semi-finals of the Marine Corps Community Services South Carolina 2003 Intramural Soccer Postseason Tournament at the Depot soccer field Tuesday. Air Station was upset 11-3.

# Law Center upsets Air Station

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Law Center defeated Air Station 11-3 in the semi-finals of the Marine Corps Community Services South Carolina 2003 Intramural Soccer Postseason Tournament at the Depot soccer field Tuesday.

The undefeated Air Station team was upset by fourth place Law Center in a lopsided match up, as only four Air Station players showed up for the game.

Although Air Station was considered to be the best team in the league, challenged only by 3rd Bn., the six on four mismatch was too much for the players to handle.

“We never thought it would go down this way,” said Ben Braudrick, Air Station team captain and striker. “They were destined to win. There was nothing we could’ve done.”

Braudrick said that he was not sure where all his teammates were, but that two were scheduled

to work. Even at the beginning of the match, he thought they could contain Law Center with the four that showed.

“I thought we had a shot at first,” he said. “All my players are still sore about what happened at Regionals.”

The team recently competed in the Regional Intramural Soccer Tournament at MCAS New River, N.C., where they placed second, an upsetting finish for the team.

Whether upset about regionals or short players, Law Center had no reservations about taking full advantage of the circumstances. The players started scoring and never looked back.

Going into the match, however, Law Center was a little uneasy about their fate.

“We were concerned about facing Air Station, since they had soundly beaten us every time we matched up this year,” said Melkirk Crosse, defender for Law Center. “At the same time, we were confident there was always a chance we could beat them.”

Crosse and the rest of the team

could not be happier with their current position, especially since they are fairly new to the league.

“This is the first season all of us have played together in this league,” he said. “It feels good to accomplish our goals and come out as one of the top teams.”

Law Center was scheduled to face 3rd Bn. for the championship at 6 p.m. at the soccer field Wednesday. 3rd Bn. is the only team that has defeated Air Station, and is also the only team that has remained undefeated in the post season. Crosse was aware of his team’s odds, but kept a positive attitude going into the final bout.

“We’re just going to go out there and do our best,” he said. “If we play well, we’ll do well. We just have to stick to the game plan.”

Crosse scored two of his team’s goals in the match against Air Station. Jaime Londono, right wing for Law Center, knocked in four.

Look to next week’s edition of *The Boot* for results of the championship game.